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Evers Vetoes Three VanderMeer Bills

Madison – Today, Governor Evers <u>took action</u> on a number of bills sent to him from the Legislature and vetoed two bills authored by Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah). Last Friday, April 8th, the governor also <u>vetoed another bill</u> authored by VanderMeer.

The vetoes included:

<u>Assembly Bill 724</u> / Senate Bill 707 - Would allow veterans that are discharged from military service for refusing to take a COVID-19 vaccine to be eligible for the state's preferential hiring system, assuming all other existing conditions are met.

Assembly Bill 725 / Senate Bill 708 - Would make the restrictions in a non-compete agreement for an employee to not compete with his or her employer or principal after termination within a specified territory and during a specified time illegal if an employee is terminated from employment by an employer with 100 or more employees for choosing not to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or for refusing to provide information regarding the individual's COVID-19 vaccination status.

<u>Assembly Bill 888</u> / Senate Bill 843 - Directs the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to expend \$10 million of existing federal funds the state currently has, to develop and implement talent attraction and retention initiatives focused specifically on veterans.

"I would like anyone and everyone interested to take a look at who this legislation would have helped. It's workers, job providers, and those that have stepped up to serve our state and country. Furthermore, I would challenge individuals to ask themselves if they know of anyone in their family or their local community that would have derived benefit from these bills. I'm willing to bet that is the case because that's why I brought them forward," VanderMeer shared.

She added, "I'm appreciative to my fellow lead authors of these bills, Senator Steve Nass of Whitewater and Senator Eric Wimberger of Green Bay, and to my colleagues in the Assembly and Senate for moving these bills forward. These issues aren't going away, and neither will these proposals. As we move forward this year, we'll undoubtedly have an incumbent governor that will be campaigning across the state touting all of the great things he himself has done for workers. I invite my friends and neighbors in the 70th Assembly District, especially, to ask, who is he really serving?"

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties